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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yoshiyuki IMATOMI

Group Art Unit: 1722

Serial No. 10/531,093✓

Examiner: Heckenberg Jr., Donald H.

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For: MOLD APPARATUS, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME, MOLDING METHOD, MOLDED PRODUCT, AND MOLDING MACHINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 9, 2006

Sir:

The Office Action dated October 10, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of October 10, 2006 presented a restriction requirement, requiring election between one of the following four inventions:

Group I, recited in claims 1-9 and 14, drawn to a mold apparatus;

Group II, recited in claim 10, drawn to a method for manufacturing an apparatus;

Group III, recited in claims 11 and 12, drawn to a molding method; and


Group IV, recited in claims 13 and 15, drawn to a molded product.

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, recited in claims 1-9 and 14, drawn to a mold apparatus. Applicant therefore respectfully requests timely consideration on the merits.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,


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